## In the claims:

(Currently amended) A method comprising:

segmenting video data to create a video clip based on timing data that indicates a specified timing within a gesture will occur; and

determining information related to a a most likely gesture occurring in the video clip only at the specified timing.

- 2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining includes determining a probability that each of a plurality of predefined gestures which are performed in the video clip contains the predefined gesture.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein determining the probability that the video clip contains each of the predefined gesture includes evaluations of Hidden Markov Models.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the timing data includes beat data corresponding to a beat of audio data.
  - 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising: receiving the audio data; and extracting the beat data from the audio data.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the video clip includes a portion of the video data corresponding to a predefined time window surrounding the occurrence of at least one beat.

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v. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying a target gesture to be performed by the subject of the video data.

- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each video clip contains video frames.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying moving regions in each video frame in the video clip.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising generating a feature vector for each video frame of the video clip.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising generating a score based on whether the video clip contains the target gesture.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising displaying the score.

- 13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining if the video clip contains the predefined gesture includes generating a gesture probability vector having a plurality of elements, each element being associated with one of a plurality of predefined gestures and representing a probability that the video clip contains each of the associated predefined gestures.
  - 14. (Currently amended) A system comprising:
- a temporal segmentor connected to receive video data and to create a video clip from the video data based on timing data that indicates a specified timing within which a gesture will occur; and
- a recognition engine, in communication with the temporal segmentor, to determine if the video clip contains a predefined gesture, only at the specified timing.
- 15. (Original) The system of claim \14, wherein the recognition engine includes a plurality of Hidden Markov Models.
  - 16. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising:

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- a timing data source, in communication with the temporal segmentor, to provide the timing data to the temporal segmentor; and
- a video source, in communication with the temporal segmentor, to provide the video data to the temporal segmentor.
- 17. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising a move subsystem, in communication with the timing data source, to provide a target gesture to be performed by the subject of the video data.
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the target gesture is a dance move that is to be performed by the subject of the video data.
- 19. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising a scoring subsystem, in communication with the recognition engine and the move subsystem, to determine if the video clip contains the target gesture.
- 20. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising a display subsystem, in communication with the scoring subsystem, to display a score that is a function of whether the video clip contains the target gesture.



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- 21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the display subsystem is in communication with the move subsystem and is configured to display a gesture request based on the target gesture.
- 22. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the recognition engine is configured to recognize predefined gestures and to produce a gesture probability vector having elements, each element being associated with one of the predefined gestures and representing the probability that the video clip contains the associated predefined gesture.
- 23. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the timing data source includes:

an audio source that provides an audio data; and
a beat extractor, in communication with the audio source,
that extracts beat data from the audio data.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the video clip corresponds to a beat in the beat data.

25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the video clip includes a portion of the video data corresponding to a predefined time window surrounding the occurrence of the beat.

26. (Currently amended) A computer program product, tangibly stored on a computer-readable medium, for recognizing gestures contained in video data, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

segment the video data to create a video clip based on timing data that indicates a specified timing within which a gesture will occur; and

determine if the video clip contains a predefined gesture within the specified timing.

27. (Original) The product of claim 26, further comprising instructions operable to cause the programmable processor to:

extract beat data from an audio signal; and segment the video data to create the video clip using the beat data.

28. (Currently amended) An audio-visual processing system including:

a video source to provide video data; an audio source to provide audio data;

a speaker to play at least a portion of the audio data; and a computer program product, tangibly stored on a computer-readable medium, for recognizing gestures contained in video data, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor, in communication with the video source and the audio source, to:

extract beat data from the audio data;

segment the video data to create a video clip based on said
beat data; and

determine if the video clip contains a predefined gesture within only a specified timing related to said beat data.

- 29. (Original) The video processing system of claim 28, wherein the computer program product further includes instructions operable to cause the programmable processor to:

  perform a Hidden Markov Model process to determine if the video clip contains the predefined gesture.
- 30. (Original) The video processing system of claim 28, further comprising a display to display information based on whether the video clip contains the predefined gesture.